

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 1988 AT 9:15 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), P. Albert, J. Boivin,
G. Johns, P. Lightbown, K. Lipke, B. MacKay,
P. Shizgal, C.Y. Suen, M.N.S. Swamy,
A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

P. Fazio, C. Ross, M. Szabo

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-88-03-03-D41	<u>SENATE ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES</u> <u>COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT</u>
SRC-88-04-07-D43	<u>'12 YEARS TO 2000' - COMMENTS ON NSERC'S</u> <u>DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER</u>
SRC-88-04-07-D44	<u>SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE - RESPONSE TO</u> <u>COMPUTER RESOURCES - FIVE-YEAR PLAN</u>

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

Professor K. Lipke, Fine Arts, was introduced to the Committee.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was moved and seconded (Shizgal, Lightbown) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 3 March 1988 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A. Les Prix du Québec - 1988 Nominations

- 2.1 A letter from the 'Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Science' was circulated to the Committee describing the 'Prix du Québec' call for nominations.
- 2.2 The Chair asked the Committee to consider potential candidates for these prizes.

B. NSERC & FCAR Results

- 2.1 The Chair mentioned that, in general terms, NSERC results were very satisfying. Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, CBS and Psychology were congratulated on their success. FCAR funding was not very high with the exception of Computer Science.
- 2.2 The Chair suggested that:
 - a) Faculty members should be informed on how to structure teams for FCAR;
 - b) Meetings with FCAR Committee members will be arranged in order to analyze the causes of failure;
 - c) A push for changes of attitude from FCAR could be made particularly in terms of a better appreciation of teams' needs.
- 2.3 FCAR is presently conducting a study on the future of the 'équipe' program. A copy of this report will be forwarded to A.J. Williams at which time this item will be put back on the SRC Agenda for further discussion.

C. Support and Development of Research Centres

- 2.1 This item will be put back on the next SRC Agenda for discussion of general observations that the University might wish to formulate with respect to the role of Research Centres (particularly in the context of funding programs).

D. Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

- 2.1 Ms. Williams reported that there was a 17,4% increase in NSERC funds over last year. FCAR dropped 3,3% which puts Concordia behind UQAM. There were four new teams accepted in Engineering and four in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

- E. 2.1 The Chair announced that he had been appointed to NSERC's Targeted Research Committee.

III. COMPUTER RESOURCES COMMITTEE - RESPONSE TO FIVE-YEAR PLAN
(document SRC-88-04-07-D44)

- 3.1 The Chair mentioned that the above document must be submitted to Dr. Giguère by the 15 April 1988 and invited the Committee to comment on the draft.
- 3.2 The Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science has submitted their comments to Dr. Giguère. A copy of this response will be forwarded to the Chair for distribution to the SRC.
- 3.3 The document will be edited according to suggestions made by the Committee and re-circulated for final comments prior to submission to the Vice-Rector, Services.

IV. '12 YEARS TO 2000' - COMMENTS ON NSERC'S DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER
(document SRC-88-04-07-D43)

- 4.1 The Chair reminded the Committee that the response is due in Ottawa the 15 April 1988.
- 4.2 Minor editing suggestions were offered by the Committee. As with item three above, the document will be edited, circulated to the Committee for final input and forwarded to Ottawa by the proposed deadline date.

V. SAPP - FIRST ANNUAL REPORT (Implications for SRC)
(document SRC-88-03-03-D41)

- 5.1 The responsibilities of the SRC with respect to the planning processes described in the SAPP report were reviewed. Certain elements remain ill-defined, but it was concluded that responding to the next round of specific documents from SAPP might clarify the situation.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 In answer to a question regarding the status of the 'Guidelines for Senate Evaluation of University Research Centres' document, the Chair stated that it was tabled at the last Senate meeting and will appear on the next Senate agenda.
- 6.2 The Chair noted that only Dean Swamy had responded to his memo of 16 February 1988 addressed to the Faculty Deans or their representatives on the SRC. This memo was written with regard to an ACFAS request on the share of research budgets allocated for travel to scholarly meetings and the share allocated for publication of research articles.
- 6.3 Contract overheads and their incentive effect were discussed. Dean Swamy suggested that this question be put back on the SRC Agenda. Professor MacKay asked that the distribution of research resources be addressed at the same time.

The Chair will ask the Deans to provide a report on the amount of overhead money and its distribution.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.